

3 having the second electrically conductive contact portion move away from the first electrically
4 conductive contact portion in the event of excess current being passed between the first and second
5 electrically conductive contact portions.

1 6. A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein said dielectric separator element is
2 urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions, at least in part, by a
3 bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the second electrically conductive
4 contact portion.

1 7. A circuit breaker switch comprising:
2 a rocker that is positionable between a first off position, and a second on position;
3 an actuator element that is coupled to the rocker such that it causes a first electrically
4 conductive contact portion to move in a first direction into contact with a second electrically
5 conductive contact portion when said rocker is in the on position, said second electrically
6 conductive contact portion being mounted on a bimetallic element and said second electrically
7 conductive portion being movable away from said first electrically conductive portion in said first
8 direction in the event of excess current being passed through said bimetallic element; and
9 a dielectric separator element that is urged between the first and second electrically
10 conductive contact portions in the event of excess current being passed through said bimetallic
11 element.

1 8. The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said switch further comprises a
2 trip indicator that is coupled to said dielectric separator element such that said trip indicator

3 provides a visual indication that said dielectric separator element has moved in the event of excess
4 current being passed through said bimetallic element.

1 9. A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein said dielectric separator element is
2 urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions, at least in part, by a
3 bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the second electrically conductive
4 contact portion.

1 10. A method of using a circuit breaker switch, said method comprising the steps of:
2 positioning a rocker to a first on position, causing a first electrically conductive portion to
3 move in a first direction into contact with a second electrically conductive portion;
4 overcharging said switch causing said second electrically conductive portion to move away
5 from said first electrically conductive portion in said first direction;
6 providing a dielectric insulator element to be positioned between said first and second
7 electrically conductive portions; and
8 providing a visual indication that the circuit breaker switch has been tripped.